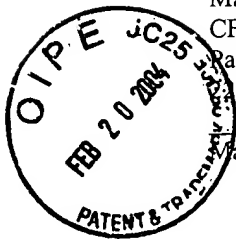


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Serial No.: 09/965,250)
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of the statutory period for response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003. Enclosed is a check for \$210.00 to cover the two month extension of time to respond. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-0172. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 2-18-04

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